

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 21, 2004. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6, 49, 63 and 73 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. This claim has been amended to provide a proper antecedent basis through amendments of the claim from which it depends. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection with respect to Claim 6.

The remaining claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 primarily in view the *Brugman* reference, U.S. Patent No. 4,062,098. This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

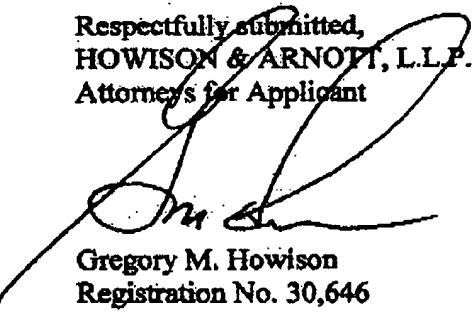
The claims have been amended, primarily the independent claims, to provide further clarification as to the relationship of the outer shell with respect to the inner cylindrical body. The shape of the inner cylindrical body is convex in shape such that it forms more of a barrel configuration. The reason for this is that there is a positive slope extending from one end to the middle and a positive slope extending from the other end to the middle. It is this positive slope that distinguishes Applicant's roller over that of the prior art. The *Brugman* reference certainly has a very flat surface that the outer cylindrical shell slips over, even though this interior may be fabricated at a later time. Applicant has amended the claims to clearly point out that the exterior surface of the inner body has a positive slope somewhere along the surface thereof in at least one location. Applicant believes that this now distinguishes over the *Brugman* reference and, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection with respect to the amended claims.

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Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/REYN-25,923 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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